

## Minutes of Brushy Creek Trail Advisory Board Public Meeting

April 15, 2008 6 p.m.

Prairie Resource Center

Chad Kelchen gave a tour of the lake trail progress at 4 p.m. Present for the 6:00 meeting were Kevin Szcodronski, Pat Reed, Myron Groat, Mike Tinkham, Kristi Schaaf, Deb Lewis, Tom Bice, Chad Kelchen, Amber O'Neill, Gregory L. Van Fosson, and Donna Christensen. Myron made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting and Kevin seconded.

Senate bill 2198 relating to the appointment of membership of the Brushy Creek Trail Advisory Board passed this year and will become effective July 1, 2008. All current members who wish to continue serving need to submit a personal letter of introduction to [amber.oneill@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:amber.oneill@dnr.iowa.gov) by June 1<sup>st</sup> and they will get forwarded as one batch to the Natural Resource Commission for review. It was suggested that the terms be staggered. Myron and Mike will take the 1 year term, Tom and Kristi will have a 2 year term, and Pat Reed and Ruth Nellesen will have a 3 year term. The terms will still be renewable with no term limit. Kevin would like a thank you letter sent to Senators Beal, Olive, Black, and Dearden for their help in getting this accomplished.

Park staff have been busy with grants again. We have received funding from Pheasants forever and the DNR snowmobile fund to purchase a brush mower attachment for the Bobcat trackloader. The Iowa Horse Council granted us \$350 for a router, bits, and paint to make trail marker posts as was shown at the last meeting. Currently we have two grants submitted for playground equipment in the South campground. Thank you to those who made comments of support for the Hamburger Helper grant.

The NRCS Equip grant and 319 funds will allow for another 15 water control structures to be constructed around Brushy Creek Lake to reduce sediment flow into the lake.

A new pit latrine was put in place at the West Boat Ramp. Rip rap was placed on the Southeast bank near the dam to repair a sloughed off area. The utilities for future family cabins will be put in place in the next month or so. Details for cabin construction are still being worked out and will have to go out for a statewide bid.

The Sustainable Funding for Natural Resources Bill (Senate Joint Resolution 2002) took its first steps of many to make the constitutionally protected fund a reality. This would dedicate 3/8 cent of every sales tax dollar to protect and enhance our natural resources through such things as improving water quality, trails, parks, fish and wildlife habitat and additional funding to county conservation boards, REAP, etc.

The group watched the State Parks 2020 video which is a marketing tool for fundraising efforts to get our State Parks and Recreation Areas in tip-top condition for our 100 year celebration in the year 2020.

A work day was set for Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. to clear the southeast river trail that the beavers have wreaked havoc upon. The fall meeting date was not set, so look for future information on that. Mike made a motion to adjourn at 7:15, seconded by Donna.